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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. PRC PREPARATION FOR WORLD-WIDE SATELLITE BROADCAST
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE CONFIRMED THROUGH EB A PRESS REPORT THAT THE PRC HAS REQUESTED COMSAT WORLD-WIDE TV CIRCUITS FOR ONE HALF HOUR AT 11:00 A.M. EDT ON BOTH SATURDAY AND MONDAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE FOURTH SUCH INSTANCE, THE PREVIOUS BEING FOR BROADCASTS OF THE NIXON VISIT, CHOU'S FUNERAL AND MAO'S FUNERAL. THIS MAY PRESAGE THE LONG-AWAITED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS; HOWEVER, THE ONLY CLUE OFFERED BY THE CHINESE WAS THE STATEMENT, IN MAKING THE REQUEST, THAT THE BROADCASTS WOULD BE OF "WORLD-WIDE INTEREST."

2. AMERICAN VISITORS TO CHINA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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SENATORS MANSFIELD AND GLENN AND THEIR PARTY RETURNED OCTOBER 20 TO WASHINGTON AND WERE MET BY AMBASSADOR HAN HSU (PLUS JOHN THOMAS AND MYSELF) AT ANDREWS AFB.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN ARTHUR BURNS IS ALSO BACK FROM CHINA, WHERE HE SPENT ABOUT A WEEK IN PEKING AND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN SHANGHAI. WE HAVE A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM BURNS' ASSISTANT ABOUT HIS LONG, CORDIAL MEETING JOINTLY WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA AND THE BANK OF CHINA. THE MEETING WAS DEVOID OF POLITICAL CONTENT, BUT RANGED OVER BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CHINESE MONETARY AFFAIRS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING WORD ON THE SIXTH SENATOR (REPLACING SENATOR BAKER) ON THE CODEL CURTIS DELEGATION BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH VISA REQUESTS. ONE MEMBER OF THE CODEL, SENATOR STEVENS, DEPARTS NEXT WEEK FOR TOKYO, WHERE HE WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE WAY TO SHANGHAI.

4. REACTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 26 CHINESE ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TEST (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOUR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES--ONE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT--EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FALLOUT FROM THE CHINESE ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TEST AND ASKING THE USG POSITION ON PROTESTING THE MATTER. WE ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REPLYING TO THESE INQUIRIES, A PROCESS COMPLICATED BY THE NECESSITY OF CLEARING WITH FIVE OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT PLUS EPA AND ACDA.

6. USLO SCHOOL (UNCLASSIFIED)

EA/EX AND WE HAVE CLEARED A MEMO BY OVERSEAS SCHOOLS TO JOHN THOMAS SEEKING APPROVAL TO HIRE A HUSBAND AND WIFE TEACHING TEAM BEGINNING NEXT SUMMER TO HANDLE THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AT PEKING. THE MEMO RECOMMENDS THE HUSBAND BE APPOINTED AN FSR FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT. A/OS'S MANNINO WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER DURING HIS NOVEMBER CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING.

7. SCA MEETS WITH CHINESE-AMERICAN DELEGATION
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SCA ADMINISTRATOR WALENTYNOWICZ MET OCTOBER 15 WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE NATIONAL CHINESE WELFARE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL PRESENTED HIM WITH A LIST OF 6,709 NAMES OF PERSONS IN THE PRC FOR WHOM IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY INS. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED USG ASSIST-

ANCE FOR THESE PEOPLE (ALL CLOSE RELATIVES OF US CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS) TO LEAVE THE PRC AND COME TO THE US. WALENTYNOWICZ STRESSED TO THE GROUP THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE PROSPECT FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED AND SYMPATHETIC. HE ALSO PROMISED THAT THE APPLICATIONS OF THOSE CHINESE WHO SUCCEEDED IN REACHING HONG KONG WILL BE PROCESSED RAPIDLY.

8. USSR-MPR FRONTIER TREATY AND COOPERATION PACT
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ON OCTOBER 19, TASS REPORTED THE SIGNING OF A BORDER TREATY BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. DEPARTMENT RESEARCH HAS NOT TURNED UP ANY PREVIOUS USSR-MPR FRONTIER AGREEMENT AND WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY MOSCOW TO PASS ON ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE THERE.

9. CAAC SPECIAL FLIGHT (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE HAVE OBTAINED FAA FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR A CHINESE SPECIAL FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY TO PICK UP THE PING-PONG TEAM DEPOSITED THERE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. THIS PLANE WILL NOT LAND AT ANY US AIRPORT, BUT FLY FROM VANCOUVER TO MEXICO CITY ON OCTOBER 26 AND MEXICO CITY TO MONTREAL ON OCTOBER 29.

10. PERSONNEL (UNCLASSIFIED)

STAPE ROY IS OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR FOUR DAYS ON A SPEAKING TOUR TO SALT LAKE CITY AND CINCINNATI. GALEN FOX IS CURRENTLY IN CHINA, CONSULTING WITH USLO AND VISITING THE
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CANTON FAIR. KATHLEEN DOUGALL IS IN THE HOSPITAL, RE-
CUPERATING NICELY FROM SURGERY.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

3. ECONOMIC POLICY IN FLUX (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. CHINESE CONDUCT 20TH NUCLEAR TEST (UNCLASSIFIED)
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